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In re Application Of: John VONEIFF, et al.)
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated July 24, 2006 for two months from October 24, 2006 to December 24, 2006. Submitted herewith is a Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2006.

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